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GUIDELINES FOR CONGRESSIONAL ACCESS TO  
NATIONAL INTELLIGENCE ESTIMATES AND  
INTERAGENCY INTELLIGENCE MEMORANDUMS

1. The following guidelines will apply to providing Congress access to National Intelligence Estimates (NIEs) and Interagency Intelligence Memorandums (IIMs):

a. The Senate Select Committee on Intelligence and the House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence will routinely receive copies of NIEs and IIMs that are not codeword and will be promptly notified of the issuance of the latter. Codeword estimates will be available at CIA Headquarters for Committee staff reading or if need be can be delivered to Committee members and their staff and picked up the same day.

b. Estimates directly related to sensitive policy concerns as identified by the DCI, DDCI, DD/NFA, or Chairman, NIC, will be handled separately: release, or briefings on such estimates will be subject to DCI approval.

c. On request of the Senate Committee on Foreign Relations, the House Committee on Foreign Affairs, and the Senate and House Committees on Armed Services and Appropriations, NIEs and IIMs can be released by the Chief, Intelligence Division, Office of Legislative Counsel, after consultation with the Deputy Director for National

Foreign Assessment to determine that the requested material would not jeopardize ongoing sensitive policy discussions or compromise sensitive sources. Requests for policy-sensitive estimates will be handled through consultation between the DD/NFA and the DCI.

d. Other Committees requesting NIEs and IIMs will be offered briefings on a need-to-know basis with the approval of the DD/NFA or his/her designated representative. Requests by such Committees for the actual reports will be made by Committee chairman to the DCI.

2. For Committees other than the two Select Committees, NIEs and IIMs will be handled in accordance with their classification. When storage facilities are not available, material will be delivered to and picked up from properly cleared readers the same day. When storage facilities are available, readers will be asked to return the NIEs and IIMs as soon as they are finished with them. Codeword estimates will be handled by the procedure in paragraph 1 a.

3. All Congressional requests for access to NIEs and IIMs or for briefings on these reports will be made through the Office of Legislative Counsel.